

*Hancock County Council Meeting
May 9, 2012*

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 9th day of May, 2012 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council. Council members present were Bill Bolander, Tom Roney, John Jessup, Jim Shelby, Rosalie Richardson, Brian Kirkwood. Also, present were Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Ginny Martin. Joseph Skvarenina was not present. Attorney, Ray Richardson.

President Bill Bolander called the meeting to order.

- President opened a public hearing for the additional appropriations for the employee increases of \$500 as follows:

Reassessment \$1731
Recorder Perpetuation \$1154
Adult Probation \$1154
PACE \$538.50
Tourism Commission \$577
Highway \$16,733
Health \$3462
Substance Abuse \$2885
E911 Center \$10386

- No public comment.

Public hearing closed.

Councilmen Shelby made a motion to approve the additional appropriations, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson . Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of the Budget Committee)

Councilman Shelby reported that it is the recommendation from the Budget Committee is to transfer the excess that was received from the State into the Rainy Day fund.

The 2013 Budget recommendations as follows:

- 5% increase in medical insurance
- 2% raise for employees
- Proposed balances for General Fund to be 3 million, with further discussion needed with the Auditor.
- Rainy Day proposed balance to be 5 million.
- General Fund budget the same as 2012

Budget luncheon will be June 13th for all departments after the regular Council meeting.

Councilman Shelby presented an Inter-local agreement with Brown, Jackson, Green townships. The Inter-local states giving \$15,000 to each township directly with a one year commitment from the Council. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve funding the townships discussed, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Probation Department)

Wayne Addison, Chief Probation Officer appeared before Council to request to move Probation Officer, Amy Ikerd into the position of Heidi Monroe who has left County Government. This would leave vacant position. Wayne is requesting to fill this position for a Juvenile Probation Officer, with no additional money needed. Amy would be moved to Heidi's position with less money at \$43,000. Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve Wayne's request, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Clerk)

Marcia Moore, Clerk appeared before Council to request a new hire to fill a position in her office for an employee who has moved to Superior Court II, as Court reporter. Clerk is requesting Larry McGuire take over Superior Court II position and Megan Marr given a promotion to fill Larry's position. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve request, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Highway)

Joe Copeland, Highway appeared before Council at the request of the Road Advisory committee , made up of (7) member committee and Commissioners requesting additional funding for roads. Councilman Shelby asked for a strategic plan for roads.

In the Matter of Park 70)

Park 70 appeared before Council to report on compliance questions that Council had regarding abatements. Councilman Roney made a motion to approve abatement for Park 70, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Break

In the Matter of Sheriff)

Mike Shepherd, Sheriff appeared before Council to request the following:

- Additional appropriation in the LOIT budget in the amount of \$4,592. The Sheriff FICA is currently not being paid from LOIT but with the new financial software in the Auditor's Office it is necessary to pay from the fund that the salary is paid from. Council ok to advertise.
- Additional appropriation for the Sex & Violent Offender fund in the amount of \$1,700. Council ok to advertise.
- Sheriff requested from Council to replace a Jail Officer. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow Sheriff to replace this position, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- Commissary Resolutions need to be resolved. Council approves but not all Resolutions have been completed. Ray will put Resolution together with all Sheriff Commissary requests.

In the Matter of Assessor)

Mary Noe, Assessor requested a budget transfer approval from office supplies to legal services. Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the budget transfer, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Transfer)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow the transfer of \$700,000 (money received from the State's miscalculations of funds) transferred from General Fund into Rainy Day. Councilwoman Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Jessup made a motion requesting the County Commissioners create a LOIT-Public Safety Rainy Day fund with restrictions according to statute, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this date: SEPTEMBER 12,2012

Aye

Nay

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Auditor